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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

COWGILL ET AL.

Examiner

Anish Gupta

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 17, 18, 47-51, 53-58, 63 and 64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 17, 18, 47-51, 53-58, 63 and 64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This response is in response to the Petition decision dated 4-27-00. The Petition decision stated arguments filed in the Appeal Brief would be considered as supplemental response to the non-final office action by the examiner. Thus, the appeal brief has been treated as a supplemental response. In light of the arguments filed in the appeal, all rejections made in the previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. New Grounds of Rejections follow below. Claims 1-12, 17-18, 47-51, 53-58, 63-64 are pending in this application.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321⁶ may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

2. Claims 1-12, 17-18, 47-51, 53-58, 63-64 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,117,983. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because of the following reasons.

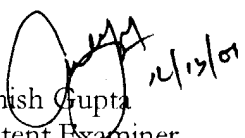
The US Patent, like the claimed invention, claims a method of isolating an authentic properly folded IGF polypeptide from the yeast *P. Pastoris* wherein the method comprises, performing cation exchange chromatography, denaturing and renaturing IGF species, performing a hydrophobic

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chromatographic step and then performing a reverse phase HPLC chromatographic step (see claim 1 and 3). The US Patent also claims a denaturing/renaturing step wherein the buffer used contains 1.5M to about 3M urea, about 3 to about 50 mM sodium borate, about 1M to about 1.5M sodium chloride, about 15% to about 25% ethanol, DTT, and about 5 to 6 μM Cu^{++} (see claim 1). This meets the limitation of claim 9. The US Patent discloses similar resins used for the cation exchange chromatographic step, hydrophobic step, and HPLC (see US Patent claims, 10-14 and instant claims 10-12 and 56-58). Much like claim 17 of the instant application, the US patent discloses that claimed method results in IGF-I (see claim 15). The difference between the US patent and the instant application is that the US Patent does not specifically state that only one cation exchange step is used. However, such would have been obvious since the claimed method in the US Patent only disclosed one cation exchange step. Therefore, the US Patent sufficiently overlaps the claimed invention to render the claimed invention as an obvious variant of the US Patent.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anish Gupta whose telephone number is (571)272-0965. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campbell, can normally be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax phone number of this group is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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